

OT – FALL OF THE SPLIT KINGDOM

CONFIRMATION - LESSON 15

Name: _____ Date: _____

Memory Verse of the Week:

“Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast ____.” Joel 2:13

The people of God (Israelites) have settled the _____ and divided it among ____ tribes.

- They desire a _____, to be like other _____, and God warns them of what will happen.
 - Saul, David, and Solomon are the 3 Kings of the _____ people of God.

Solomon was the last king of the _____ ---He also built the _____

- The _____ was the center of religious, political, and social life for _____.

Worship life of Israel

Places of Worship

- _____ – People had no special buildings for worship so they built altars of earth or stone
- _____ – Mobile place of worship that Israel built in the desert.
- **Temple** – _____ built Israel’s first, permanent center of worship.

Worship Leaders

- _____ – Priests offered sacrifices, and taught the people God’s commandments.
- _____ – Tribe assisted in all worship ceremonies and preparations for the Israelites.
- _____ – Chief religious official and mediator between the people and God.

Sacrifices & Offerings

- _____ – Animals were killed and offered to God for the sins of the people.
 - **Hebrews 9:22** – ‘without the shedding of blood there is no _____ of sins’
 - **Hebrews 10:11-14** – ‘Christ had offered for all time a single _____ for sins’
- _____ – The people gave grain, foods, money as thank offerings

Worship Times

- **Daily** – Priests offered morning and evening sacrifices
- _____ – Saturday was a day of rest and the people came together for worship.
- _____ – Israel celebrated what God had historically done.
 - **Passover** – Recognizing God’s judgment and deliverance of Israel (March)
 - **Pentecost** – Harvest festival of joy and celebration with offerings (May)
 - **Tabernacles** – Another Harvest festival with celebration and offerings (October)
 - **Day of Atonement** – High priest offered sacrifices for the people (Fall)

The Kingdom of Israel splits into a _____ Kingdom (Israel-10 tribes) and _____ Kingdom (Judah-2 tribes) around _____.

- Israel split because of a history of tension and the _____ of the leaders.
- God calls His followers to be _____ devoted to Him!
 - **1 Kings 11:26-40** – ‘I am about to tear the kingdom from the hand of Solomon...because they have _____ me and worshiped Ashtoreth,

Chemosh, Milcom and they have not walked in my ways...as David his father did.'

After Solomon, there are a series of kings over _____ and _____ and very few followed the Lord. We see that sin and rebellion is passed down from _____ to _____.

Israel & Judah continued to war against each other, until God brought _____ against them

- ___ BC – Israel was captured and taken into captivity by the _____
- ___ BC – Judah was captured and taken into captivity by the _____
 - The Babylonians destroyed the _____, which was the center of Jewish life.

The exile demonstrates God's _____ of _____ and heart for people to follow Him only.

- God continued to send prophets to the exiled people and promised that they would be restored back in _____.
 - Prophesied that the exiles would return after ___ years (Jeremiah 25 & 29)
- **Isaiah 11:12** – *He will raise a banner for the nations and _____ the exiles of Israel; He will assemble the scattered people of Judah from the four quarters of the earth.*

Main Point: God takes _____ very seriously and desires for us to only _____ Him!

Reflection Time- *Use this space to silently reflect on these questions:*

1) What do you remember that was the biggest factor that contributed to Israel & Judah being captured?

2) How does your answer to #1 apply to your life?

3) Do you see God as loving or harsh in this period of the Kings and why?

4) What does it tell you about God that He continued to make promises to a rebellious people, sent prophets to turn them back, and that He rescued them from captivity?

5) Do you think you take sin seriously in your life? What would that look like? What steps can you take?

FAMILY TIME

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Your Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____
(Write your first & last name legibly)

Scripture is one of the main ways that God has revealed Himself to humanity. As followers of Jesus, we should be intentional about time in Scripture, seeking God for meaning, and then applying it to our lives. I've never met a mature Christian that doesn't have consistent time in the Bible!

We understand life is busy! If possible, try to read the passages and answer the first page separately. If time doesn't allow, feel free to answer together! It can be really cool to see how God speaks through the same passage of Scripture, differently, to different people!
ONCE COMPLETED, PLEASE SIGN ABOVE!

This week's passage:

- **2 Kings 20:1-11**

STUDENT

PARENT

<p>Write 2 words or phrases that stood out to you and briefly share why:</p> <p>1) _____ _____</p> <p>2) _____ _____</p>	<p>Write 2 words or phrases that stood out to you and briefly share why:</p> <p>1) _____ _____</p> <p>2) _____ _____</p>
<p>What is one way, one of the answers above can apply to your life?</p> <p>1) _____ _____</p>	<p>What is one way, one of the answers above can apply to your life?</p> <p>1) _____ _____</p>
<p>One question I have from the Scripture that I read was:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>One question I have from the Scripture that I read was:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>

Complete this next section **TOGETHER:**

1) God speaks to different people in different ways, through the same passage. What is one thing that surprised you when you compared your answers from above?

2) Josiah was one of the good Kings of Judah (the Southern Kingdom) and we see amazing results when he prayed. What is the purpose of prayer?

STUDENT: _____

PARENT: _____

3) What are things that you typically pray for?

STUDENT: _____

PARENT: _____

4) Do you believe that God heals people today---why or why not?

5) Does anything prevent you from boldly praying for healing?

**Close your time in prayer, using something that came up during your discussion.
PARENTS---MAKE SURE YOU SIGN AT THE TOP, ONCE IT'S COMPLETE!**